

HABITAT CONSERVATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

for the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

A regular meeting of the Habitat Conservation Technical Committee (TC) was held in the conference room of the Washington County Administration Building, **July 9, 2015.**

Members present were:

Kristen Comella, Chairperson	Snow Canyon State Park (SCSP)
Cameron Rognan, Vice Chairman	Washington County HCP
Ann McLuckie	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR)
Lynne Scott	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Nathan Brown	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Marshall Topham	Local Biologist

Also present were:

Bob Sandberg	Washington County HCP Administrator
Lacey McIntyre	Washington County HCP Recorder
Kirk Willey	Local Developer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kristen Comella noted a quorum existed and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 18, 2015

MOTION by Cameron Rognan to approve the minutes.
Seconded by Ann McLuckie.
Discussion: None.
Vote was taken: All voted aye.
Motion passed.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Diamond Valley Access Road and field trip

Members of the committee met at the intersection of the dirt road in Diamond Valley and SR 18, just north of Winchester Hills. They walked through Reserve, BLM, and State land property to assess the area for a proposed access road to a potential new development. Lynne Scott mentioned this dirt road lies within a right of way avoidance area, however the BLM is currently in a planning process creating a new Resource Management Plan for the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area. She suggested the developer, Kirk Willey, contact BLM Realty Specialist Teresa Burke as soon as possible to discuss this issue from a BLM standpoint. The committee agreed to

continue this issue to the next meeting while awaiting more information from BLM and information concerning State Park regulations regarding right of way.

b. Re-consideration of Quarry Trail alternative A

The City of St. George has not met to make a decision as to if the modified Route A would be accepted for the proposed Quarry Trail. Once they make a decision regarding Route A, the TC could revisit this topic. The committee discussed that the idea of exchanging out one trail to allow for this trail should be redirected to instead focus on mitigation of 4/10th of an acre of habitat. Also, Wayne Pace said there is no alternative quarry site outside the Reserve to be considered for this project. After discussion the committee decided to write up a report to present to the HCAC on July 28.

c. Consideration of draft 2016 Budget

Exhibit 3-c-1 is the draft budget for 2016. Ann asked about fencing in the Pioneer Park area. There is enough in the budget for that fencing, but Bob will have to talk with the City of St. George. Fencing could be a discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

MOTION by Ann McLuckie to approve the draft budget for 2016.

Seconded by Cameron Rognan.

Discussion: None.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

4. OTHER REPORTS FROM TC MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. None

5. NEXT MEETING DATES

a. **August 13, 2015**

6. ADJOURN

MOTION by Ann McLuckie to adjourn.

Seconded by Cameron Rognan.

Discussion: None.

Vote was taken: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Lacey McIntyre.